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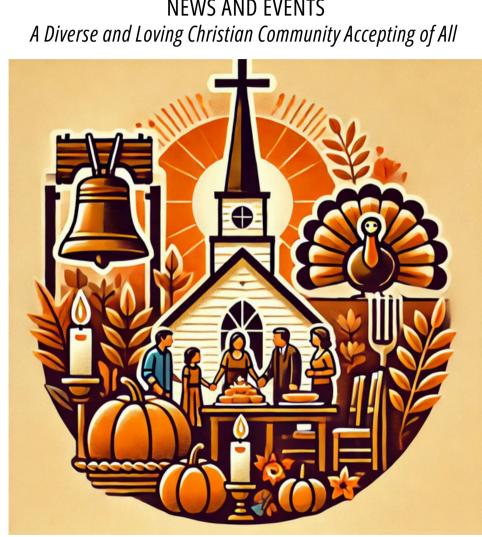
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# FROM OUR SENIOR MINISTER

# Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bingham

# Faithfully Yours And Prayerfully Yours

There is much coming to us in the month of November: The election when I pray we will be able to unite as a nation no matter the outcome; Veteran's Day when we pause and honor and thank all the men and women who have served our country in the military; and of course Thanksgiving.

This year I realize that while there are many big things for which we can be thankful, here at the Church of the Chimes, it is often the quiet gestures that may go unseen but which make us who we are:

- When a call goes out for someone who can take someone in our church family shopping, there is an answer in minutes.
- When a slew of men and women and youth and children make our Golden West Fair—well, golden by making sure everyone has fun while raising funds that help sustain our church.
- When a corps of hard working women sort piles and piles, and sheds full of donations so that people with few resources can find what they need to get by day to day—and at the same time raise money for scholarships and church projects.
- When a small staff here manages to keep us going day after day—answering questions and solving problems and doing heavy lifting and unexpected tasks without blinking an eye because they are so loyal to our church.
- When kind souls see someone sitting by themselves in fellowship hour and they stop and chat and make our welcoming spirit real.

In this season of thanksgiving, let us celebrate moments of love and kindness, moments of generosity and gratitude. And please join me in offering my thanks to God for the wonderful, faithful fellowship we share right here at our own Church of the Chimes. Love, Beth

# **NOVEMBER 2024 HAPPENINGS**

- VESPERS: Nov 7th at 6:30pm
- COUNCIL MEETING: Nov 8th at 6:30pm
- WOMENS ASSOCIATION MEETING: Nov 8th at 5pm Hamilton House
- CAL WEST MEETING Sat, Nov 9, 2024 @ 10am-5pm
- BOUQUET CIRCLE: Nov 13th at 11:30 in Dreier Hall
- TRUSTEE MEETING: Nov 19th at 6:30pm
- NHIFP THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Nov 20th at 7pm Sanctuary
- WOMENS ASSOCIATION HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Nov 23 from 10am -2 pm
- CRAFT CREATIONS: MEETS MOST TUESDAYS at 10:00am in Dreier Hall
- BROWN BAG BIBLE: TUESDAYS at 12 Noon
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MEETS WEDNESDAYS at 7pm via Zoom All women of any faith are invited to our gathering of caring, sharing and loving women. For more information contact Jane Poole via email at jane.churchchimes@sbcglobal.net.



**Daylight Savings Reminder!** Turn your clock back one hour before bed on Nov 2nd



#### **GOLDEN WEST FAIR 2024**

We are so grateful for an incredible day at the Golden West Fair, where God brought our community together in fellowship and joy. The fair featured games, face painting, a petting zoo, a haunted house, sales on jewelry, furniture, antiques, and delicious food for the body and soul. Entertainment included the Jumpin' Flea Circus Ukulele Players, Flexibility Fitness Contortionists, and the Master Gauchos, filling the day with laughter and awe. We're thrilled to announce that \$15,188 was raised to support Church of the Chimes' mission. A huge thank you to John Sullivan for organizing this special event and to our dedicated volunteers whose hard work made this event a true blessing. May God bless you all!

#### **CROP HUNGER WALK**

Diane Delaney

Please join us for the 49th Annual San Fernando Valley (SFV) CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, November 3rd, 2024. We are the hosting organization once again and the walk with begin at 1pm from the Magnolia Lawn.



Sign up online or in our church office to walk or sponsor a CotC Walker and help us achieve our goal of \$5,000.

**Save the Date:** COTC's 3rd Annual MLK Jr Celebration: "Voices of the Valley" is scheduled for Sunday 1/19/25 after church with a light lunch and program. If you are interested in participating, contact Beth or Diane. Thanks!



## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION KIDS CORNER**

Julia Keiper

Greetings to our CCOTC congregation and community. Just six weeks ago I was honored to be assigned the position of Director of Christian Education. With guidance from Jan Long, Chair of CE and our dedicated CE Board, our Sunday School program continues to grow, and we look forward to branching out to two groups to meet the needs of the attendees ages 4 - 13. We have adopted a wonderful curriculum from Cokesbury that has helped us to move forward in an organized and sequential manner. Each Sunday, the kids enjoy the lessons, they love the opportunities to create art projects with Mr. Keith as well as the opportunity to participate in team-building games and activities. Our teen, BE BOLD group continues to thrive and grow as a dedicated and motivated group of young people that support one another with friendship and kindness.

Once again, they have stepped up to serve the church community with their participation in all aspects of the recent 74th Annual Golden West Fair. They worked tirelessly to provide games, face painting, crafts, the Haunted House as well as many hours of set up and clean-up duties. The success of the game area was due to the leadership of Tina and Devon Jasiukonis with support from Jane and Doug Poole.

#### **Upcoming CE activities:**

- 1. CE will host coffee hour during the month of November. We welcome any donations of snacks and beverages to the morning coffee hour.
- 2. Children's Christmas Boxes and cards for the Samaritan project.
- 3. We will take the stage in December for our annual Christmas pageant and look forward to seeing you at the Light Up the Night event on December 5th.4. BE BOLD Youth Group meets every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month!
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I am so joyful to be part of the CCOTC leadership team and would like to thank Pastor Beth and the many members of this church family that have been so patient and loving and have made me feel very welcome in this faith community.

# **DEACONS**

Greg Abbott

The board met on October 20 and the consensus was that we would like to see both the 7:00PM family and 11PM candlelight services Christmas Eve. Look forward to hearing more about the Christmas Families program with All for Kids, Formally Children's Bureau. That's all for this month. Greg

# CAL WEST MEETING

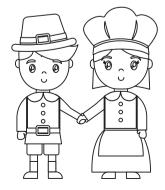
**WHAT**: The CalWest Annual Fall Meeting is our most important gathering of the year. We will begin with a business meeting where you can hear ministry reports, vote on business decisions, approve our operating budget, elect our incoming slate of officers, and more. A delicious catered lunch will follow, along with an informative workshop on developing a Spiritual Renewal plan for your pastor and congregation. Last, but certainly not least, we will conclude with a special time of worship, preaching and prayer.

THEME: "Spiritual Renewal"

"And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11-12

# WHEN: Saturday, November 9, 2024 @ 10am-5pm

**LOCATION:** The CalWest board is thrilled to announce that Lakewood Village Community Church has agreed to host this year's event. LVCC is centrally located at 4515 Sunfield Ave in Long Beach, CA 90808, which is an ideal middle ground for our Los Angeles and San Diego churches.



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2024**

#### Michelle Marot

Our Sunday School kids and Be Bold group will be assembling the Operation Christmas child boxes to be shipped to less fortunate children around the world. What better way to get into the "Christmas Spirit" than to give to children in need? Ways you can participate:

- 1. Fill an empty Samaritan's Purse Shoebox from the narthex and fill it with as many small, NEW items as you can! A list of items to put in a shoebox is available in the narthex near the donation box. Remember to include \$10 for shipping and return it to the church by November 15th!
- 2. Donate small, unwrapped gifts in the large box in the narthex that we will use to stuff shoeboxes at our youth's "Packing Parties".
- 3. Sponsor a pre-packed box by paying for shipping, \$10 each. Write a Christmas card to the child receiving the gifts and pray for the child receiving the shoebox of gifts. BONUS: When you sponsor a shoebox, there is a label with a QR code to find out where in the world your shoebox gets shipped to!

For more info check out the Samaritan's Purse website at: samaritanspurse.org

# TRUSTEES

**Tony Bliss** 

We look forward to finishing the refurbishment of the pergola on the Bower Hall patio and the painting of Hamilton House. As the year comes to an end, please remember your estimate of giving - the church is counting on you in these difficult times. We are celebrating our church's 75th anniversary next year, and hope to be around another 75 years through your generous support! Many thanks,

Tony Bliss - Chair



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